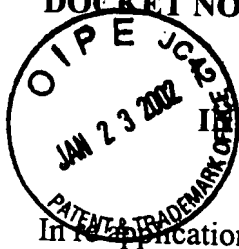


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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2001, the shortened statutory period for response to which expiring December 4, 2001, reconsideration of the Office Action and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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